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For: AGENTS AND METHODS FOR PROMOTING PRODUCTION GAINS
IN ANIMALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following
sentence: --This is a nationalization of PCT/NZ00/99926 filed March 13,
2000 and published in English.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 37 through
page 12, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph.

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--Suitable classes of antistress agents, including glucocorticoid
inhibitors, corticotrophin releasing hormone inhibitors, ACTH
inhibitors, cholecystokinin inhibitors, benzodiazepines, gamma
amino butyric acid potentiators, anti-glutaminergics and
serotonergics amongst others. Preferred classes of antistress
agents are pyridyl propanones including metyrapone, antiprogestins
including mifepristone (RU 38486), and benzoyl amino dipropylamino
oxopentanoics including proglumide, and amino acids or peptides
such as astressin, which is a corticotropin releasing factor (CRF)